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CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS: U.S.-Iran Dialogue1984

Michael Ledeen suggests to the NSC that Israeli contacts may be useful in obtaining release of the U.S. hostages in Lebanon. Ghorbanifar is introduced to Ledeen and the NSC as an Iranian intermediary.

1985

Feb 14: Jeremy Levin escaped.

Jun 14: TWA-847 hijacking. Last known instance of Iranian-supported terrorism against U.S. nationals.

Sep 1: [REDACTED]

Sep 2: 508 TOW missiles delivered to Iran (Tabriz?).

Sep 14: Reverend Benjamin Weir released.

Oct 03: Islamic Jihad claimed it murdered U.S. hostage William Buckley in retaliation for Israeli raids in Tunis.

Nov 17-18: Meetings in London.

Nov 24: Israel delivers 18 HAWK missiles to Iran.

Dec 6-8: Meetings in London.

Dec 20: Hostage Locating Task Force (HLTF) formed at CIA.

Dec 23: Nir became primary Israeli POC.

1986

Jan 06: Presidential Finding on Iran.

Feb 14: U.S. delivers 1,000 TOWs to Iran via Israel.

Apr 17: U.S. hostage Peter Kilburn murdered in retaliation for U.S. raid on Libya.

Apr 22: Ghorbanifar arrested in Switzerland for...

May 09: Planning meeting at CIA.

May 15: Terms of Reference (TOR) approved for establishing a strategic dialogue with Iran. U.S. objectives:

- Return U.S. hostages.
- End Iran-Iraq war.
- Establish a correct relationship with Iran.

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May 22-28 *Meetings in London, Cyprus, & Tel Aviv.*  
 May 23: U.S. delivers 508 TOWs to Israel (replacements).  
 May 24: *[REDACTED]*  
 May 25-27: McFarlane party to Tehran. Some of the 240 HAWK missile parts accompany the party.  
 Jun 10: Rafsanjani news conference containing possible "signal" that Iran wanted improved relations with the U.S.  
 Jul 16-18 *Meetings in Frankfurt.*  
 Jul 26: Father Jenco released.  
 Aug 03: Remainder of 240 HAWK missile parts delivered to Tehran.  
 Aug 6 *Frankfurt meetings*  
 Sep 19-20: Discussions in Washington with new Iranian intermediary.  
 Sep 22-23 *Meetings in London.*  
 Oct 03: White House approves provision of intelligence to Iran *[REDACTED]*  
 Oct 5-7 *Frankfurt meetings*  
 Oct 06: U.S. representatives meet Iranian representatives in Europe.  
 Oct 26: Frankfurt meeting of U.S. and Iranian representatives.  
 Oct 27-28 *Frankfurt meetings*  
 Oct 29: 500 TOW missiles delivered to Iran *from Israel.*  
 Nov 02: David Jacobsen released.  
 Nov 07: 500 TOW missiles delivered to Israel (replacements).

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